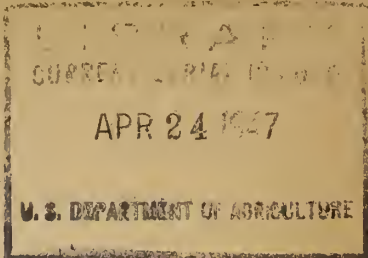


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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of  
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of May, 1947

According to a report which has just been released by the Association of American Railroads, refrigerator car loadings continue heavy, but due to better weather conditions the movement of empties has improved to the extent that all shortages have been overcome and all orders are now being filled on a current basis. Thus, indications are that the car supply should continue satisfactory until the latter part of May. There is still a movement of Government export potatoes from Maine, but this movement has been discontinued from the other areas. The movement of winter potato crops is tapering off. Fresh fruits and vegetables are moving in heavy volume from Florida, Texas and California. However, the movement of citrus from Florida is expected to be completed about a month earlier than last year. The movement of onions and new potatoes has started in volume from the Rio Grande Valley.

According to estimates made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, both acreage and production of 1947 spring vegetables will be considerably below last year, but slightly above the 1936-45 average. Smaller production than last year is expected from all spring crops on which an April forecast is made except snap beans. Production estimates for cucumbers, eggplant, onions, green peas, green peppers and tomatoes for 1947 spring harvest indicate that each will amount to less than 75 percent of the 1946 production. It is also pointed out that less acreage is in prospect on cabbage, onions, watermelons for summer harvest than was harvested in 1946.

Unfavorable weather in the southeastern States has caused some crop loss in that area. Earlier freezes in Florida were particularly damaging to tender crops in that State, and acreages, in some cases, are expected to be reduced below earlier expectations; harvesting will be short, and production will be materially reduced. Only the Pacific Coast States and Arizona have enjoyed spring weather favorable to vegetable production. In Texas, most early spring crops are two to four weeks late.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 79,562 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of May 1947, compared with a revised estimate of 84,573 cars in April 1947, and a decrease of 7.9 percent as compared with the 86,363 cars shipped during May 1946.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during May 1947, have been estimated to aggregate 2,245. Those expected to move in volume are shown below by commodities and States of origin:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	950	95	-
Potatoes	20	120	1,000

Our estimates of fresh fruits and vegetables to move in volume in carloads from the South Pacific Region during the month of May 1947, are as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Asparagus	50	-
Beans, snap & lima	35	-
Cantaloups	460	20
Carrots	1,360	1,570
Cauliflower	700	-
Celery	700	-
Broccoli	130	-
Cabbage	135	5
Cherries	350	-
Corn, green	50	-
Grapefruit	290	600
Lemons	2,100	-
Lettucé & Romaine	5,700	-

South Pacific Region (cont'd)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Mixed Citrus Fruit	145	150
Mixed Vegetables	1,030	25
Onions	600	115
Oranges & Satsumas	5,600	315
Peas, green	730	-
Potatoes	11,500	75
Strawberries	35	-

Total estimated rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during May 1947 will total approximately 295 carloads. These will consist chiefly of potatoes and are as follows: 200 carloads from Colorado; 50 carloads from Montana; 20 carloads from Wyoming, and 5 carloads from Utah.

Carload shipments to originate in the North Central Region during May 1947, are estimated to be 540. It is anticipated that these will be confined entirely to potatoes and are expected to originate as follows: 300 cars from North Dakota; 200 cars from Minnesota; 25 cars from Nebraska, and 10 cars from South Dakota.

Our estimates of carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas), during the month of May 1947, will approximate 2,206. These estimates indicate that about 88 per cent of the shipments will originate in Louisiana and are to be as follows: 700 cars of potatoes; 300 cars each of cabbage and sweetpotatoes; 250 cars of mixed vegetables; 200 cars of snap and lima beans; 140 cars of onions; 40 cars of strawberries, and 10 cars of cucumbers. In addition, the estimates reveal that 120 cars of strawberries are expected to move from Arkansas and 80 cars from Missouri.

The estimated carload shipments to originate in the Great Lakes Region during the month of May 1947 will approximate 237. The only important movements from that area are expected to consist of potatoes: 150 cars from Michigan and 75 cars from Wisconsin.

Our estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region during May 1947 aggregate 1,520 carloads of which 1,500 will be potatoes from Maine.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to originate in the Middle Atlantic Region during May 1947 are expected to total around 230. The principal movements by commodities and States of origin follow:

Middle Atlantic States

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>New York</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>Maryland</u>
Carrots	25	-	-
Onions	90	-	-
Potatoes	30	20	10
Spinach	-	5	15

Principal carload shipments to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during May 1947, are estimated to be as follows:

Southern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>Mississippi</u>
Beans, snap & lima	-	35	80
Cabbage	-	370	800
Corn, green	30	5	-
Cucumbers	220	200	-
Mixed Vegetables	60	20	70
Peaches	-	400	-
Potatoes	2,600	250	240
Tomatoes	-	-	60



Southern Region (cont'd)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>South Carolina</u>
Beans, snap & lima	35	340
Beets	10	30
Cabbage	290	10
Cucumbers	-	265
Lettuce & Romaine	30	35
Mixed Vegetables	10	80
Potatoes	700	2,800
Peaches	10	80

Other important estimated carload shipments of fruit and vegetables to originate in this Region during May 1947, are 1,130 cars of cabbage, 395 cars of strawberries; and 35 cars of sweetpotatoes from Tennessee; 190 cars of strawberries from Kentucky; and 40 cars of apples, 35 cars of cabbage, and 25 cars of spinach from Virginia.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during May 1947, are estimated as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Beans, snap & lima	5	200
Carrots	350	35
Celery	-	1,860
Beets	90	-
Cabbage	20	40
Corn, green	1,000	50
Cucumbers	200	370
Eggplant	-	45
Escarole	-	70
Grapefruit	1,500	1,200
Mixed Citrus Fruit	40	1,300
Mixed Vegetables	390	800
Onions	3,000	-
Oranges & Satsumas	10	3,700
Peppers, green	-	500
Potatoes	260	1,200
Tomatoes	6,700	400

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